

Part 3 - Remarks

The specification of the above identified application has been amended to insert the serial numbers corresponding to the attorneys docket numbers, in the manner set forth in Part 1 hereof:

The application was filed with 60 claims. This Preliminary Amendment adds additional claims 61-77. It is respectfully requested that the additional claims 61-77 be examined simultaneously with the original claims 1-60.

New claims 61-69 relate to the use of resilient fused-together plastic beads in the formation of a support structure for a cushion, in the manner set forth in those claims. The subject matter of these new claims is related to subject matter recited in original claims 32, 33, 39, 40, 45, 46, 48, 49, 58 and 59, among others. The specification describes the subject matter of new claims 61-69 at page 20, line 25 to page 21, line 29. No new matter is believed to have been added by new claims 61-69.

New claims 70-77 relate to the a method of obtaining and using a negative impression of a portion of a wheelchair users anatomy for the purpose of creating a wheelchair cushion. The subject matter of these new claims is related to subject matter recited in original claims 53-55, among others. The specification describes the subject matter of new claims 70-77 at page 17, lines 7-20 , page 8, lines 17-22, and page 22, line 3 to page 23, line 1, among other locations. No new matter is believed to have been added by new claims 70-77.

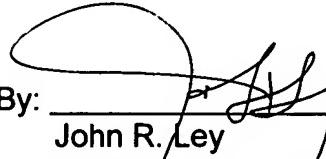
Also included is a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement which briefly describes certain prior art not related to the field of cushion manufacturing or wheelchair cushions. Consideration of the prior art is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration of the original and new claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any issue that might facilitate examination of this application.

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